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JUDGE THOMAS' COURT.

Court adjourned at 1:30 this afternoon till nine o'clock Monday morning.

The petition of Hugh J. Collins for admission to the bar was presented to the court this morning by Attorney Wm. Mellette and referred by the court to the committee of examination.

Motion for a new trial in the J. W. Ellison larceny case was filed with the court this morning.

A case in equity was presented to the court this morning involving the title to some town lots in the town of Adair, to which the Cherokee nation had issued duplicate deeds. The motion was to dissolve the last deeds issued. The court held that those deeds issued by the Cherokee nation carried no title whatever to the land which title, as the court ruled, was in the United States and the Cherokee nation.

Cases of the M., K. & T. Railway company against John Martin, Wm. E. Haisell and others, was presented by Attorney J. B. Burckhalter for the railroad company, and asked that the defendants be required to make their answer more specific.

Timothy Fields, charged with gaming, pleaded guilty this morning and was fined \$10 and costs.

Thus far the government has done exceedingly well in the prosecution of criminal cases at the present term of court. Convictions have been secured in nearly all the cases submitted to a jury.

Among the Chickasaws.

The Dawes commission has closed its session at Colbert and are ready to move on to the next stand. The commission is one thing that always does a land office business in the Indian Territory. Wherever that important body of men is located there is a crowd, and several men in the employ of your Uncle Samuel are doing a fine line of business. That was the case at Colbert during the commission's session at that place.

Seven little tents, with all the symmetry of proportion that makes tents have a comfortable look, are arranged in a row on the little knoll overlooking Colbert on the northwest. In those tents are the sleeping apartments, dining room and kitchen of the Dawes commission, all provided and paid for by Uncle Sam. In two longer, larger tents are the offices of the commission, one for the Indians and the other for the freedmen, all of whom are on the ground to get admitted if possible to citizenship in the Indian Territory. Around in front of the Dawes commission office tents, are the tents of the side shows that always accompany the Dawes commission on its rounds. At these side shows are displayed everything that will tempt the people to spend money. Not quite everything, perhaps, for there are certain liquid refreshments that your Uncle Samuel objects to having sold in his public domain, where the Indians live. But refreshments of the various kinds not under the ban of the law are sold, as are all sorts of novelties, toys and the like, and some times calico, jeans and the like find buyers at such places.

While the claimants to citizenship are standing around the tents

waiting for their turn when they can register, they swap horses, or in the event they have no horses to swap, they swap lies and news from their several neighborhoods.

The method of registering claimants is simplified by the Dawes commission. Each applicant is given a number, and as soon as that number is reached in registering, the claimant goes in, presents his citizenship papers or claim and is enrolled if his claim be just, and he is given a certificate of citizenship.

Big Cattle Mortgages Filed.

Several large cattle mortgages were filed in the clerk's office at Muskogee last week. The largest was the one given by J. N. Ward, to Drumm-Flato Commission Co., of St. Louis, for \$61,856.85 on 2,205 head of two-year-old steers. Among the other large mortgages filed were: Connie Murphy to Strayhorn, Hutton & Evans Commission Co., for \$10,201.10 on 665 head of mixed cattle. H. B. Spaulding to Strayhorn-Hutton Commission Co., \$49,907.17 on 1,911 head of mixed cattle. Humphrey & Fleming to Tamblyn & Tamblyn, \$11,000 on 750 head of Texas cows and calves. J. W. Skinner to Siegel & Sanders, \$19,091 on 800 head of mixed cattle. J. W. Gibson and T. A. Parkinson to Drumm-Flato Commission Co., \$36,064.30 on 979 head of steers.—Fairland Bee.

Why the United States government will issue a man a license to sell tonic in this country and then prosecute him for selling it is something we can not see into.—Wagoner Record.

The INDIAN CHIEFTAIN has issued a daily edition, a neat 5 column folio, ably edited and up to date in appearance, which shows that Vinita is among the leading towns in this territory.—Ft. Gibson Post.

No. 6 of the Vinita DAILY CHIEFTAIN has been received. It is a neat, newsy local paper. One thing particularly noticeable about the paper is the liberal patronage by the business men. You can always judge a town by its newspapers.—Pryor Creek Review.

The INDIAN CHIEFTAIN began, a week ago Monday, the publication of a daily edition. The paper is neat, newsy and up-to-date. The people of Vinita should give it a liberal support, and we wish for it the abundant success it merits.—Afton Enterprise.

Tams Bixby denies in answer to a telegram from the department that the Dawes commission has ordered all inter-married whites out of the territory. He might have saved considerable telegraphic fees by merely wiring one word—"Wichita."—Fairland Bee.

The Wichita liar says Rockefeller is about to secure the control of all the coal and oil lands in the territory at a mere nominal sum, as under the Curtis act the Indians have a right to lease their lands for an "indefinite period." Some "feller" should make that Wichita feller "ring off."—Fairland Bee.

To Subscribers.

Any subscribers to the daily who do not get their paper are requested to notify the office promptly. Go to the nearest telephone and call up 44 and you shall have a copy for the supper table.

More of the Burns Matter.

As there was a disposition among some to doubt the story of abduction told by Bernie Burns, chiefly for the reason he made the trip so quickly, THE CHIEFTAIN has taken some pains to verify one or two parts of the statement. It will be remembered that Bernie stated that the man called Harris procured him a round trip ticket to St. Louis at Fairland. It has been found that the agent at Fairland sold such a ticket to a man on the train that day. Some doubts were also cast upon the letter from Shelbyville, Indiana, which came to S. J. Burns after Bernie got back. The following brief communication received today should set at rest this doubt:

SHELBYVILLE, IND., Oct. 13.

EDITOR CHIEFTAIN:—Paper and letter received. Was very much surprised to learn particulars of abduction. Mr. Burns slipped that little note and address in my pocket when I was going to Greenburg to the street fair. Respectfully,

FRED GOODRICH.

After leaving the car Bernie saw Goodrich and two companions go to a light and read the note. Goodrich came back to the car window and asked Bernie what he wanted done with it. He told him to send it to the address given and not to let Scott, the man in whose custody he was, hear what they were saying. Goodrich then said he understood and left.

The man who took charge of young Burns at St. Louis gave the name of Scott and seemed to be acquainted with Bridget Burns and also her daughter Lizzie. He told Bernie he did not wish him to think hard of him; that what he did was a matter of business and that he had no ill will nor any feeling against the young man. The papers on which he was taken in custody were written in a hand which Bernie at once recognized and it is probable may serve to fix the guilt of the person who arranged his abduction.

As it happened, Burns and Scott met each other in Chicago on their way home and on this occasion the men made no effort whatever to restrain his former "prisoner," but so far as Bernie could observe seemed glad that he had gotten away.

Scott is described as having a cut across the side of the neck, ending with a small bit clipped off the lower end of the ear, and a scar caused by a shot on the other side of the face.

Impudent Darkey Jailed.

Reece Gravens, colored, well known in town, and distinguished as horse-breaker, garbage hauler, scavenger, and "jum" drinker, got gay yesterday and stopped Judge Thomas on the street and bantered his honor for a game of "craps." The judge promptly had Reece arrested and placed in jail where he still lingers, reflecting upon the ephemeral joys of a jag begotten by the altogether too free use of intoxicants mixed with a good deal of innate impudence.

At the Churches.

There will be no services at the Catholic church tomorrow.

There will be no services at St. John's Episcopal Mission tomorrow morning. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30.

M. E. CHURCH TOMORROW.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m.; subject, "Spiritual Optics."
Preaching at 7:15 p. m.; subject, "Christ, the Wisdom of God."
Epworth League at 8:30 p. m.
Good music.

M. L. BUTLER, Pastor.

Mr. Reynolds, the gentleman who is making the Shawnee orphan payment, will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow at 11 o'clock. Mr. Reynolds is both a preacher and a temperance lecturer.

A good many of the clerks, printers and other busy people missed the show, there being no night performance. The reason for this omission was, the distance to Ft. Smith was too great to give a night performance and reach there in time.

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Where to buy

GROCERIES

Cheaper than Anywhere
Else in Town?

Where to get fresh goods always?

Where to get the highest price in cash for your Chicken's Turkeys, Ducks, Eggs, Etc?

If you don't know, just ask anybody; they will all tell you to go to

BOB BLAKENEY'S

He sells this week, 20 pounds of Granulated Sugar for \$1.00; and everything else just as cheap.

Try one purchase from him and you will surely buy again.

Ringling Bros.' big show bought \$603.45 worth. They know a good thing.

There is plenty left though. Try some yourself.

The Season for

Stove Talk and Stove Use

is clearly here.

W. W. MILLER

has placed on display in his hardware store a full line of stoves for all purposes.

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Stoves shown by the score. A plain, modest coal or wood heater or the finest kind of a hard coal base burner.

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